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House Majority Leader Makes Statement on the Proposed Committee Bills on the Practitioner Dispensing Ban & Repeal of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Database Passing the Health & Human Services Committee

Tallahassee, Fla. – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the Health & Human Services Committee's passing of the Proposed Committee Bills (PCBs) on the Dispensing Ban and the Repeal of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Database.

"Over seven people die each day in Florida from prescription drug-related deaths. We cannot afford to merely keep an eye on this egregious problem. These PCBs rightly take the focus off simply monitoring the symptoms of the growing problem of prescription drug-related deaths with another big government program and stop the problem at the source.

"The dispensing ban creates a mechanism to stop drug dealers cloaked as doctors. These PCBs allow us to defend the credibility of the medical profession and protect the appropriate uses of prescription drugs."